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Parashat Pekudei

**PARASHAT VAYIKRA
SHABBAT ZAKHOR**

TORAH
Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

TRIENNIAL
Leviticus 3:1 - 4:26

MAFTIR
Deuteronomy 25:17 - 25:19

HAFTARAH
I Samuel 15:2 - 15:34

Next week: Parashat Tzav Shabbat Parah

TORAH
Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

TRIENNIAL
Leviticus 7:11 - 7:38

MAFTIR
Numbers 19:1 - 19:22

HAFTARAH
Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38



Social Justice Opportunity of the Week!

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March 14 - March 21, 2003

10 Adar II - 17 Adar 11, 5763

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
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Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Mordechai Gafni	7:15 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Singles Oneg Shabbat	8:15 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Shabbat Services	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Bar Mitzvah	Arin Eliezer Chassine
New and Expecting Parents Group	12:30 – 86th St., Parlor Room
Bat Mitzvah (Minha/Ma'ariv)	Stefani Rubinfeld, 5:15 PM at Heschel
Shabbat Study with Rabbi Mordechai Gafni	5:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Mishloah Manot & Gesher Teen Program	3:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Purim Services:	
<i>Tots Purim Celebration</i>	5:00 PM – 88th St.
<i>Purim Family Service and Play</i>	6:15 PM – 88th St.
<i>Adult Purim Service, Megillah Reading</i>	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Purim "Mordy Gras" Celebration	Following services – 88th St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Talmud Introduction	8:15 AM – 88th St.
Hebrew Classes:	
<i>Intermediate</i>	6:30 PM – 86th St.
<i>Advanced</i>	8:00 PM – 86th St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
Hassidic Teachings About Shabbat	6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
An Invitation to Parents	7:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St.
Parashat HaShavu'a	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Preparing for Pesah	8:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Hebrew Class:	
<i>Advanced Beginner</i>	8:00 PM – 86th St.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Early Childhood Shabbat Sing-Along	
6 months - 18 months	9:15 AM – 88th St.
18 months - 22 months	10:10 AM – 88th St.
23 months - 36 months	11:00 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to:

- Deborah and Marcelo Brukman on the death of Deborah's beloved grandfather, Marvin Gross.
- Theodore, Daniel, Ellen and Elias Silver on the death of Theodore and Daniel's beloved grandmother, Lillian Leopold.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Arin Eliezer and Kayla Chassine and Mandy Wolkoff on Arin Eliezer becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Stefani Rubinfeld, Abby Sussman Bacharach and Stephen Rubinfeld on Stefani becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Amy Schatz and Max Rudin on the birth of their daughter, Eve Lillian Schatz Rudin.

Study with Rabbi Mordechai Gafni

- Saturday, March 15**, Shabbat services, 86th Street: Rabbi Gafni will give a D'var Torah on *Lovers, Jesters and Saints—New Masters in the Next Stage*.
- Saturday, March 15**, 5:00 PM, 86th Street: Join Rabbi Gafni for a Shabbat learning on "*The Erotic, the Ethical and the Holy—Learning the Sacred Dance*". Cost: free, all are welcome.

2003/5763 Passover Rabbinic Dialogue: We All Went Out of Egypt!, **Thursday, April 10**, 7:00 PM, at the JCC (334 Amsterdam Ave. at 76th Street): The Haggadah instructs us to see ourselves as if we actually went out of Egypt. Join us as we make this leap of imagination with the help of **Rabbi Felicia Sol**, and Rabbis Gary Bretton-Granatoor and Allen Schwartz. Call to register at (646) 505-5708. Cost: free.

LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES

To register, visit www.bj.org or call x221.

Klezmer Workshop for BJ Musicians

Monday, March 10, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: BJ musicians are invited to a Klezmer workshop and amazing learning experience taught by Jeff Warschauer. Cost: \$20-\$30, depending on number of participants. For more info, contact Matt Fried at MattF@aol.com or (212) 877-3147. The class is sponsored by the BJ Musician's Havurah.

Hassidic Teachings About Shabbat

Four Wednesdays, starting March 19, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: This class will explore Hassidic approaches to the meaning and observance of Shabbat. We will study texts by Rabbi Zvi Elimelech of Dinov - the Bnei Yissakha - and Rabbi Yehudah Aryeh Leib Alter of Ger - the Sefat Emet. Taught by Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon. Cost: free; registration required. Code: 307.

An Invitation to Parents

Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street Sanctuary: An open invitation to parents of young children about raising children with values inspired by the Jewish tradition in a time so dominated by pop culture and consumerism. Taught by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel. Cost: free; registration required. Code 321.

Preparing for Pesah

Two Thursdays, March 20 and 27, 7:00 PM at 88th Street: This course is designed for first-time seder hosts and those who wish to

WINTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service <i>ASL Interpreted, March 21</i>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service Tot Shabbat <i>Friday, March 21</i>	6:45 PM – 86th Street 5:45 PM – 86th Street
Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th Street

Last Week's ASL Interpretation At Friday's Family Service Was Sponsored By:

- Dale and Brett Yacker in honor of their son, Wade, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Pesah Seder Se'udah Match: Be A Hakhnasat Orhim Host

Wednesday, April 16 is the First Seder. Consider including at your Seder table BJ members who need a place to celebrate the holiday. Forms will be distributed within the next few weeks. However, to volunteer now, please contact Amy Wachtel and Toby Baldinger at x351 or at Hospitality@bj.org.

The Music of Pesah at BJ: BJ Pesah CD and Songbook

Just in time for Pesah, we've produced beautiful music to share with family and friends at your seder table. Cost: \$36 for the CD and Songbook, or \$18 for each on its own, plus \$5.00 shipping. Send a check to B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th St., NY, NY 10024; order online at www.bj.org, or pick up your copies at the office. If you have already ordered your CD and Songbook, you can pick them up at the BJ office until March 21st.

enhance their understanding of the texts, themes and rituals that comprise the observance of Pesah. We will study the Haggadah, preparing your home for the holiday, and what to buy for the seder. We will also hold a guided learner's seder to explore traditional and innovative practices. This class is conducted by Marshall T. Meyer Fellow, Rabbi Rachel Gartner. To register, please contact the BJ office, x221. Cost: free for members/\$40 non-members. Code 393.

Mikvah: Mayyim Hayyim (Living Waters)

Three Tuesdays, starting March 25, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street, Parlor: A three-part study session on the traditional requirements of mikvah is being renewed and re-imagined in our time. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol; second session taught by Aliza Kline, Executive Director of *Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh & Education Center*. Cost: Free; registration required. Code 333.

ACTIVITIES

•Film: *Mayor of the West Side*

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 PM, at the JCC: Don't miss a sneak preview screening of *Mayor of the West Side*, a documentary about BJ member Mark Puddington, a teenager with multiple disabilities and a local celebrity, whose extraordinary Bar Mitzvah at BJ touched the congregation deeply. Discussion with filmmaker Judd Ehrlich and BJ member Margaret Puddington to follow. Cost: \$8 JCC/BJ members/\$10 non-members. For tickets, call (646) 505-5708.

COMMUNITY

Purim: Monday, March 17

Get ready for this year's Purim merriment.

Tots, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street: celebration and costume parade

Family Service & Play, 6:15 PM, at 88th Street: for children in K-7th

Adult Service, 7:00 PM at 86th Street: Ma'ariv and Megillah reading

"Mordy Gras" Purim Spectacular, following services at 88th Street: you won't want to miss this carnival festival that will expand the mind, the body and the soul with lots of great surprises!

•Ledor Vador Intergenerational Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, March 22, 12:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join us with your friends and family for lunch, music and a panel discussion, "Women In The Rabbinat," with Rabbis Felicia Sol, Rachel Gartner and Jan Urbach. The Rabbis will welcome your questions and comments in an open community conversation. Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members. RSVP by March 17 to Ledor Vador, x334, leave all names of those attending, and send a check to the BJ office.

•Bikkur Holim Purim Celebration - Music and Mitzvah

Sunday, March 23, 3:30-4:30 PM at the Jewish Home and Hospital Auditorium, 120 W.106th Street (Amsterdam & Columbus): We invite you to share the joy of music, spirit and side-by-side space as BJ's Music Havurah, led by Matt Fried, performs for JHH residents. **12-15 volunteers are needed** to transport residents in wheelchairs to and from their rooms before and after the concert. Times: 3:00-3:30 & 4:30-5:00. For info and to volunteer, contact Donny Lee by Friday, March 14, (212) 316-4423 or BDLee2002@aol.com.

•New York Consort of Viols: The Road from Valencia

Sunday, March 23, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: concert-with-narration traces the travels of the earliest violists after their expulsion from Spain in 1492. Sephardic, Italian and English vocal and instrumental music will be played on viols, lute and vihuela, the favorite string instruments of Renaissance Europe. Cost: Free. BJ Member Judith Davidoff is artistic director. For info call (212) 580-9787.

•Conference on Hasidic Roots of Contemporary Jewish Spiritual Expression and Festival of Neo-Hasidic Spirituality, March 26 - 29

at the JCC: This conference and Shabbaton brings together academics, musicians, and practitioners including Rabbis Arthur Green, Tirzah Firestone, Mordechai Gafni, Arthur Waskow, and other rabbis. **Rabbis Roly Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein will be presenting on Friday, March 28.** For more info, contact Susie Kessler at skessler@jccnyc.org or call (646) 505-4406.

•Hamidrasha

Monday, April 7, 7:30 PM, 88th Street: Join us for an evening with our guests from Hamidrasha and discover the exciting projects going on in Israel today despite the current crisis. Cost: free, all welcome.

•Renee Kaufman Memorial Program

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM, 88th Street: Screening of "Korczak." This feature-length Polish film is a powerful drama about the Polish-Jewish educator, Janusz Korczak, whose progressive orphanage was relocated into the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II. Korczak's

primary concern was to keep his children physically, mentally and spiritually alive. The film will be presented and followed by a lecture by renowned film critic, author and professor of film, Annette Insdorf. Cost: free.

•Save the Date! Interfaith Seder

Thursday, April 10, 8:00 PM, at 88th Street: the Interfaith Committee will host a pre-Pesah Seder with SPSA and Muslim guests. BJ members who would like to help host our friends from these communities or help SPSA prepare ceremonial items and desserts from the BJ Pesah cookbook may make reservations with the Interfaith voicemail at x314: leave your name and telephone or email address. Cost: \$10.

•Israel Task Force Meeting

Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Please join us as we discuss the recommendations of the Israel Task Force for strengthening BJ's connections to Israel.

•AIDSWALK 2003: Volunteers and Walkers Needed!

Saturday, May 18: Join us and lend your energy to make phone calls to recruit AIDS Walkers, as well as new BJ members. If you can help, please contact Carol Dikman, at x255 or Cdikman@bj.org. walkers can register online with the AIDS Walk campaign at www.aidswalk.net/newyork. Please remember to sign up as a member of the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Team, #1017.

SINGLES

•Shake It On The Dance Floor with Reba Perez

Sunday, March 16, 5:00 PM, 127 West 25th St., (6th & 7th), 11th fl. Join instructor and BJ member Reba Perez every first and third Sunday for a lesson/mixer and cool music! Cost: \$15/BJ members, \$18/non-members, includes lesson and drink. For info call (212) 645-2441 or visit www.EmpireDance.com.

•Oscar Night Party

Sunday, March 23, 7:30 PM, at the Makor Café, 35 W. 67th Street: Come watch the 75th Annual Academy Awards on four screens, and enjoy the company of friends, exciting raffle prizes and great food and drinks at Makor's Fourth Annual Oscar Night Party. This program is co-presented with BJ. Cost: \$10, including a free drink and raffle. For more info and to register, call Makor at (212) 601-1000.

•Beit Cafe: UNIQUE Game Show, Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres

Saturday, March 29, 7:30 PM, 88th Street: Come play "UNIQUE," the multimedia trivia sing-a-long game show. Refreshments served. Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members by March 25; \$40 for all at the door. Send check to "Singles Beit Café 3/29" at BJ office by March 25.

•Noche de Tango!

Sunday, March 30, 7:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed (251 W. 100th St.): Learn the many moods of tango with a live tango orchestra, exhibition and lesson from an expert, courtesy of Reba Perez and Eric Hollman. No experience needed: if you can walk, you can tango! Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$15 AC/BJ/MOMC members/\$20 non-members. No reservations are required. Volunteers will receive free admission. For info or to volunteer, contact Michael at (212) 678-7881 (before 9:00 PM). This event is co-sponsored by Anshe Chesed and BJ.

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The Second Wave Research Study: Be A Participant

You are invited to participate in a study by Harvard University Professors Gerald Holten and Gerhard Sonnert, in conjunction with Rabbi Dr. Robert L. Lehman, on how the "Second Wave," a major group of Jewish immigrants, born between 1918 and 1935, who came from Central Europe to the U.S. as youngsters in the 1930s and 1940s adjusted to their new surroundings. To participate contact Rabbi Dr. Lehman at 212 942-4454 or email at: rllehman@aol.com.

Indemnification Claims Deadline for Belgian Jews

The Belgian Government is taking measures to indemnify Belgian Jews or their proven surviving relatives for assets lost in Belgium during the World War II. The deadline for filing claims is **March 19, 2003**. The application form can be found at www.premier.fgov.be. For info, contact Christian Doods, Deputy Consul General, at (212) 586-5110 or consubel@panix.com.

Blood Donations Needed: Pikuah Nefesh (Saving a Life)

Hugo Frank, the grandson of a BJ member, needs blood donations to fight leukemia. You must be 17-75 and in good health. Please call Marion Novack at (212) 639-8177 for complete details.

Holocaust Insurance Claims Extended

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims has extended the deadline to obtain benefits from Holocaust-era insurance policies to **March 30, 2003**. For help or more info, contact the New York Holocaust Claims Processing Office at (800) 695-3318.

Contributions In Memory of Dr. Carlos Aisen

Tax deductible contributions in memory of Dr. Carlos Aisen may be made out to the *Carlos Aisen Scholarship Fund*, which provides scholarships to the Summer Camp of Comunidad Amijai of Buenos Aires. Mail your check to Susan Zemsky, Kehila Chadasha, 1622 Martha Terrace, Rockville, MD, 20852.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Call Hillary Oberstein, Director of Membership, at x224 or email Hillary at hoberstein@bj.org.

Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance if you would like one.

A Note from the Ushers

For those attending the Friday night service at 88th St., please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that men wear kippot during services.

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of services. To avoid a lengthy wait outside as the temperatures drop, we ask you to please time your arrival accordingly.

We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Rachel Gartner at x253.



This Week in Israel's History

In March of 1919, at the end of the First World War, Dr. Chaim Weizmann presented the Zionist case for a Jewish national home to the participants of the Paris Peace Conference. A major concern of this conference was to decide how to divide the Ottoman Empire, which included the present-day Middle East, between England and France. Using a bi-national approach, Dr. Weizmann signed an agreement with the chief Arab negotiator, Emir Feisal, son of Sherif Hussein of Mecca. This agreement stated that "mindful of the racial bonds existing between the Arabs and the Jews," we declare that the fulfillment of Jewish national aspirations is through the collaborative development of Arab states and Jewish Palestine. This bi-national approach fell apart when the European leaders decided to give France the Syrian mandate. Feisal, who had been appointed King by the British, was exiled by the French. As consolation, the British named Feisal king of the newly created country of Iraq. And in a further effort to please the Arabs, British colonial secretary, Winston Churchill cut away 80% of the proposed Jewish national home in Palestine and created a new Arab entity called Jordan. This was the first partition of Palestine.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:

- Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications